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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Racenet et al. Examiner: Chukwurah, Nathaniel C.
Serial No.: 10/783,126 Group Art Unit: 3721
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For: SURGICAL STAPLING DEVICE

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- [] A verified statement to establish small entity under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
- [X] No additional fee is required.

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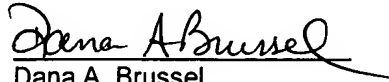
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In response to the Office Action mailed on July 15, 2004, please amend the
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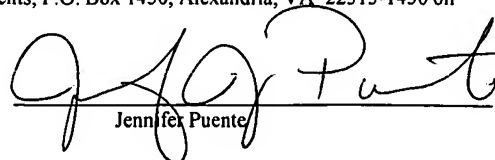
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on
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